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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please delete the Abstract in its entirety and replace with the following:

A protection system for a transformer system that includes three single phase transformers with auxiliary secondary windings, respectively. The auxiliary secondary windings are connected to form an open delta configuration. The protection system is connected into the open delta configuration, between the auxiliary secondary windings of two of the transformers. The protection system includes a circuit having an element with a threshold voltage and current characteristic connected in series with a thermal protection device and a resistor.